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THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION.

The question which seems to be agitating the Virginia Convention is whether or not the members should take an oath to do or not to do something, or should plunge into the middle of the thing unfiltered by oaths of any kind.

Some of them want to swear to support the constitution of the United States, but others of the old school wish to swear not at all. It has given occasion for some very fine speaking.

Colonel Cameron, ex-Governor of Virginia, opened taking the oath, in a great speech last Friday. He did not consider the power of the United States in every respect superior to the rights of Virginia, and he regarded the oath as a good thing, which justified taking it.

He said, too, that the doctrine of civil and political equality of all men does not exist anywhere out of Utopia.

The idea of an oath implies the existence of a superior, and before the speaker would take an oath of any kind he would resign his seat in the convention.

There is some of the old war spirit abroad yet in Virginia.

This is the old way of looking at such questions. The improved, modern way is to take the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and then construe the meaning of the constitution to suit yourself. It is a very flexible instrument, adapting itself to everything from the Monroe Doctrine to the retention of the Philippines.

TO BE DULY SOLD.

C. E. Dooley, deputy collector, has made a raid on the express offices of this section, and has gathered a goodly quantity of liquor together at Ronceverte, which was not quite regular.

In all he has 157 gallons of the stuff, and we doubt whether in all that amount there is one pint of good liquor. The most of this liquor was billed to persons who did not order it. The plan was to send it here, and the thirsty soul seeing a jug before his eyes, often pays the expressage and the sale is made.

There was a lot of this stuff addressed to men who had never ordered it. This we can prove. It seems to us that this is a plain violation of the State laws.

The violation of the United States laws consists in the fact that the liquor was billed as merchandise. While both retailers and wholesalers are allowed to ship liquor, they must always bill it as whiskey, giving the amount and the character of the contents of the packages.

We have it on pretty good authority in some of the cases of this kind the express company was directed if the package be refused by the consignee, to deliver to any one who will pay the expressage. The express companies had best beware of this sort of traffic, for there is much in the liquor trade that requires the express companies to shear close to the danger line.

Mr Dooley has not fixed the day of sale. Ronceverte being a "dry town" it is thought this sale will be largely attended. The railroad company might do well to sell excursion tickets.

POCAHONTAS HISTORY.

The History of Pocahontas County will soon be ready for the binder. We have not as many advance subscribers as we ought to have to insure the expense of material and printing. It will be a book of at least 600 pages of which over 400 have been printed. The type is large and the book well printed on good paper, and will be well bound. The book, at the price it will be sold (\$2.50 payable on delivery) will be exceedingly cheap for a book of like nature.

It will contain among other things, Biographical Sketches of all the older families of Pocahontas County, tracing their ancestry from the pioneer days to the present generation, with an accuracy that is surprising considering the difficulties undergone in procuring the data and the length of time it covers.

It is the duty of every citizen of Pocahontas County to subscribe for this History, thereby aiding in having it published besides getting full value for your money. The only way of being assured that you will be able to obtain a copy is to subscribe now, as the edition is limited.

GOING TO THE STORE.

Johannie was sent by his mama to the store with a piece of money in his hand. Johannie was four years old and knew that money was a very important thing, and so he held tight to it. In an unlucky moment the money dropped from his hand, but the board walk and rolled in the high grass.

Johannie looked for it a long, long time. He pulled up every blade of grass, and when it could not be found he cried and cried.

A man came along and inquired into his trouble. Between his sobs the child explained that he had dropped a piece of money with which he was going to buy tangle-foot fly paper at Mr Hamilton's store.

When asked how much it was he said "Just one piece."

"How big was it?"

"This big," and he marked on his finger the diameter of a nickel.

The man knew that fly paper costs about a cent a sheet, and that a good way to help the child would be to give him a nickel. He had nothing less than a half dollar, so he told the little boy to trot along and he would give him his piece of money.

A few steps brought him to the bank, where he had the half dollar changed and offered the child a nickel. The little fellow would not take it. Said it was not the piece he lost. He refused a quarter. That was not the piece either. Getting a nickel changed into five bright pennies fresh from the mint the man offered the whole to him, but the child would not take them. He commenced to cry louder than ever, and the man, who was trying to play the Good Samaritan was up against it.

The situation was relieved by the child running away to resume his hunt for his lost treasure, which was a piece of money about so big.

We wonder how much he lost, and whether he will not be a great voter on the money question when he gets older.

HIS VIEWS.

DEAR EDITOR:

Enclosed find one dollar bill for which please send me the Times for one year commencing with current issue. Also any back numbers you can conveniently lay your hands on.

I know this letter has a different ring from the one you received from me some time since. If you remember I objected to your support of the idea that an open saloon would be better than the present state of affairs. But my eyes have been opened and I have decided to educate my children to resist the temptation rather than try to take temptation out of their way, as it is like damning against the tide with sand: where you build at one place it falls down at another. When I started on my way of removing things that are supposed to tempt the carnal mind, I found I had deprived my house of almost every book and paper. A book agent came by and I religiously discarded everything except a Bible and a Webster's Unabridged. I took the books and opened them in the bosom of my family. My oldest boy got the Bible, and no sooner than he had opened it he read something about "wine making glad the heart of man," and having never been schooled to resist evil temptations, he went to the medicine jug and the first thing we all knew he was uproariously drunk. Nor did it end there. The oldest girl and second boy divided the Unabridged between them. Pretty soon their eyes rested on the word "Enchre," after which followed a treatise on the way the game is played. Soon a full-dressed game was in operation using dominoes for cards, mind you. When the old woman came back after putting Bill to bed drunk, Jim had lost everything he had including a bay colt and his Sunday shoes. This opened my eyes and made me start on a new course.

Of course this is overdrawn but it illustrates what I mean. Hoping you will start your paper immediately, I remain,

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LOCUST OBSERVATIONS.

An observer of Nature came upon a locust the other day which was having trouble with its drumming apparatus and was in desperate straits. It would swell up to almost twice its natural size and then let all holds go, but many a sound could it make, bringing to mind Whitcomb Riley's mad tadpole in his Nonsense Rhyme:

"With his tail up-flung,
Quivered and shook with the song unsung."

The locusts straggled manfully to raise the tune but at last there remained but one thing to do, and that was to die of a broken heart—the fitting end of a blighted life. Consequently he turned over on his back from which position he was rescued by our friend, the naturalist, who took a horsehair from under his wing which seemed to set him in the wind again.

A great deal of the oak timber is beginning to show the effects of the stinging of the locust, and the green of almost every tree, especially the smaller ones, is intermingled by the yellow of dead and dying leaves. The locust will alight on a twig and make from three to nine incisions at equal distances apart. Some say that you can measure the length of the locust by the distance between the punctures, as it measures itself every time, but we cannot vouch for this. The white oak bushes to be their favorite and it is dying while the chestnut is still green.

In regard to catching bunnies with locusts for bait, it has been a failure so far, the supply exceeding the demand by a large percent. The writer went fishing last week, taking a whole tomato can full of locusts along for bait. He put one on the hook and made a cast. It lay on the water directly in front of a large bass, who came near hurting himself severely getting away from it, going head-first into a stump. We suppose the bass had been having trouble with his gastric apparatus from over-eating, and knew the best way to resist temptation was to get out of its way.

PROHIBITION IN MAINE.

If the subject were not such a serious one it might provoke a smile to notice how ostentatiously some of the great big dailies make an annual exhibit of the amount of whiskey and other liquors sold by the government agencies in the state of Maine.

This is done to prove the "failure of prohibition" in that state. Prohibition was adopted forty years ago and state agencies have been employed to furnish liquor for medicinal purposes. Now we are informed by the dailies that in 1900 the "wonderful amount of 11,955 gallons of intoxicating liquors were sold by the state agencies. Just think of the astounding figures! The speakers papers conclude that, that being the case, prohibition is a failure in Maine.

It appears that Maine, by the census of 1900, had a population of 694,466 people. Now take that tremendous amount of 11,955 gallons of liquor and divide it among the 794,466 people, each person would get about one seventeen-thousandth of a gallon. Divide a gallon into a thousand parts, how far would seventeen such parts go towards keeping up the influence of whiskey for a whole year? And this is the per capita rate at which whiskey was consumed in Maine last year.

Liquor statistics as gathered by the revenue officials show that in the past ten years the annual use of liquors by the people of the United States at large has not been less than 16 gallons per head. Thus the United States record per capita is close on to one thousand times Maine's record per capita. To the writer of this paragraph the figures over which our speakers or liquor friends are disposed to make so much are deeply significant of the beneficial results of prohibition. To my mind there is a significant difference between sixty-eight one hundred seventy-fifths of a gill of grog for each inhabitant of Maine, and 16 gallons for each inhabitant of the United States at large for one year's use. W. T. P.

CHURCH NOTES.

There will be preaching at Mount Taber Sunday (the 7th) at 11 a. m., at Mount Zion at 3.30 p. m., and at Frost at 7.30.

O. M. Pallen, Preaching at Swago July 7, at 3.30 p. m.

Quarterly Meeting at Mary Chapel, Elk, July 13 and 14.

Preaching at Edray July 21, at 10.30 a. m.; at Poage Lane 3.30 p. m.

Preaching at West Union July 28, at 10.30 a. m.; at Laurel Creek 3.30 p. m.

A. M. CHARTER, P. C.

SWORE OFF.

Our community was shaken from centre to circumference last week by the news that Henry Pilkins had signed the pledge and had refused three bowls of corn in succession. As perhaps you are aware Henry always was a powerful man to drink liquor, but he always said that if he ever got the jim-jams he was going to quit, always allowing that he was proof against everything except wood alcohol and patent medicine, consequently his old woman was always trying to make him think he had them sure. All her experiments were to no effect, until a few days ago. Henry had been down to Mose Harding's speakeasy for several days trying to drink the keg dry and thereby take away the temptation that was taking so many good citizens to Mose's place, as he remarked when he got home. He was pretty well organized when he returned from his missionary work of destroying liquor and went to sleep under the dining table. Then it was that Mrs Henry saw her opportunity and she took it at flood tide.

The locusts had made their appearance in this part the day before and she knew that Henry never took note of such natural phenomenon when engaged in his work of mercy in destroying liquor that if left lying around loose might bring destruction to so many good men whose heads were not so level as Henry's.

She went out and gathered up a tub full and turned them loose on Henry's devoted head. After awhile Henry began to wake up by degrees and began to yell for Mary Ann, who came down looking very unconcerned through the screen door and asked Henry what was the matter.

"Woman," he said, "it's time to ask what is the matter when your life's companion is being literally torn limb from limb and devoured by seven legged imps of darkness, I have stood a great deal at your hands but this is the last straw. I will see a lawyer in the morning."

Mary Ann told Henry she allowed he must have been drinking, as she could see nothing but some flies walking over him. It was then that Henry began to realize that a man whose word is as good as his bond is to be pitied.

He called for the pledge which Mary Ann always kept behind the clock and signed it up.

Henry is now going about wondering if there is not some way to get outside a pint of corn without drinking it. The moral of this tale is not to make rash promises.

JUDGE JOHN JAY JACKSON.

One of the most remarkable men upon the bench is John J. Jackson who has filled the position of Judge of the Federal Court of the District of West Virginia. He came to the bench in 1861 and has served continuously ever since. The state which once composed his district more than doubled in population and the district has been divided. Judge Jackson goes to the Northern District and the bar of the Southern District tendered him a banquet of kindly splendor at the Ruffner Hotel in Charleston.

Judge Jackson responded to a toast and made a speech of several hours reviewing his long career as a lawyer and judge.

He began the practice of law in 1846 and followed the work of the circuit rider for years practicing in Wood, Jackson, Ritchie, Pleasants, Gilmer and Roane Counties.

He entered politics as a Whig and was an Elector on the Whig ticket in 1860 and when the Electoral College met at Richmond made two speeches against secession which attracted wide notice the speeches being reproduced in the New York Herald.

When Virginia drew off and the war came, Judge Brockenborough of the Western District resigned, President Lincoln was anxious to secure for the place a Virginia lawyer and having read Judge Jackson's speeches announced his intention of appointing him to the vacant place.

The place was tendered him and he took time to consider. While he was making up his mind his name was assent to the Senate and confirmed. He first held court during the war and had much trouble with the Southern sympathizers.

Judge Jackson has outlived nearly every lawyer who was practicing in his court when he came to the bench. One of the notable exceptions is Judge J. M. McWhorter, of Lewisburg.

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W. B. Hill is visiting friends at Lobelia.

Dr F. T. McClintic has had a sawmill moved to this place, and expects to have a large bill of lumber sawed in the near future.

G. A. Hull and Martin Boblett left this part June 18th for Stampington Creek where they expect to work for a short time only.

Miss Mary McMillion who has been in a bad state of health for some time is now improving.

D. M. Kinnison is now working a full crew of hands in the woods.

Tom Townson goes on one leg—its a girl.

Harper Anderson reports that locations are scarce on Hills Creek. Jess Tharp is seen very frequently going to Laurel Ridge.

J. C. Kinnison and sons are off to Jacox this week to work at a church.

Prof R. R. Vaughan is home from Morgantown where he has been going to school. He is studying for a U. S. General.

Rev C. M. Anderson closed his school last Thursday, this being a second term.

T. R. Vaughan is sick at this writing.

The recent wind storm blew Allen Tharp's cornerrib down.

The turkeys are all eaten.

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2d Sunday.—Marlinton 11 a. m.

Mt Pleasant 3 p. m.

3d Sunday.—Huntersville 11 a. m.

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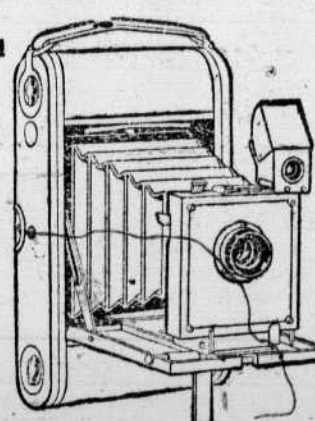
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